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Applicant : Steven M. Zuniga et al.

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Examiner : Eziamara Anthony Ojini

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#8/Response
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Responsive to the action mailed September 23, 2003, applicant elects the invention of Group I (claims 1-5, 7-11 and 21-26) drawn to the embodiment of figure 1. The election is made with partial traverse. Applicant respectfully submits that, contrary to the Examiner's position, Groups I and III are related as claims directed to a product that is made and claims directed to a process of making the product. Additionally, Applicant submits that Groups II and III, which according to the Examiner are both classified in class 451, subclass 41, are related as claims directed to a process of using an apparatus and a process of making an apparatus.

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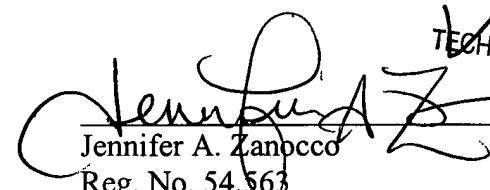
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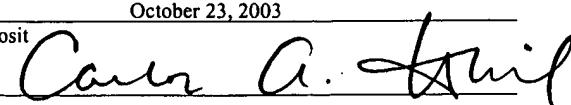
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